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1. DURING MY AUDIENCE WITH SHAH ON JUNE 18, I CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S BEST WISHES AND EMPHASIZED HIS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR IRAN NOT ONLY AS A FRIEND OF THE US BUT AS A STABILIZING FORCE IN THE REGION. I SAID PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO STATE VISIT BY SHAH IN NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO HAVE PERSONAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND ALSO TO OPEN CHANNELS FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

2. SHAH EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN MEETING PRESIDENT. HE FEELS THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL GOVERN AT A CRITICAL TIME IN WORLD HISTORY. "PRESIDENT CARTER MAY BECOME ONE OF YOUR GREAT PRESIDENTS; HE HAS ALL THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS." HE, TOO, WANTS TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR DIALOGUE ON MANY MATTERS.

3. THE SHAH SPOKE WITH APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT MRS. CARTER WILL RECEIVE EMPRESS FOR LUNCH. HE SAID SHE WOULD
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LEAVE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND SUGGESTED I SEE HER BEFORE SHE DEPARTS. (I AM ARRANGING TO DO SO.)

4. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE INTENDS TO SEND HIS SON THE CROWN PRINCE TO THE U.S. FOR FLIGHT TRAINING IN THE FALL OF 1978. HE SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS FIRM AND WAS IN NO WAY CONTINGENT UPON THE SORT OF AIRCRAFT WHICH IRAN

MIGHT ACQUIRE IN THE FUTURE. HE WANTED HIS SON TO HAVE
"THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE."

5. IN ALL, THE SHAH SEEMS TO HAVE STUDIED PRESIDENT CARTER
AND HIS ADMINISTRATION IN SOME DEPTH AND IS ANXIOUS TO
ESTABLISH PERSONAL BONDS. HIS GENERAL ORIENTATION TOWARDS
THE UNITED STATES IS CLEARLY POSITIVE, AND ALTHOUGH HE SLIPPED
IN A LITTLE SARCASM ABOUT SOME OF OUR CURRENT MODES (WOMEN'S
LIB, HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES, CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN
POLICY) HE WAS CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN A TONE OF RESPECT AND WARM
CORDIALITY TOWARDS THE PRESIDENT.
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